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Ref: 2976-22054

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Duval Sand, SUE
LAPEYROUSE FIELD, Terrebonne Parish, LA
Applicant: Castex Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Castex Energy, Inc. for the calling of a public hearing, after ten days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters regarding the Duval Sand, Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were established and drilling and production units were created by Office of Conservation Order No. 416-A-5, effective May 1, 1962.

1. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 416-A-5 and Statewide Order No. 29-E and to permit applicant, Castex Energy, Inc. to drill, designate and utilize the Castex Energy, Inc.-J. C. Dupont No. 2 Well as an alternate unit well for the Duval SUE, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
2. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the Duval SUE which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well within the unit;
3. To grant a single unit allowable for the Duval SUE and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowables from the unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from both wells, at its option;
4. To confirm Castex Energy, Inc. as the operator of the Duval SUE.

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5. To find that, except to the extent contrary in the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 416-A Series shall remain in full force and effect, and
6. To consider such other matter pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the hearing held on this matter.

The Duval Sand, in Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 416-A-5, effective May 1, 1962.

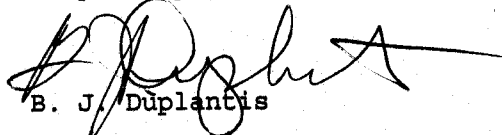
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Duval SUE, Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. W. H. Robbins of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

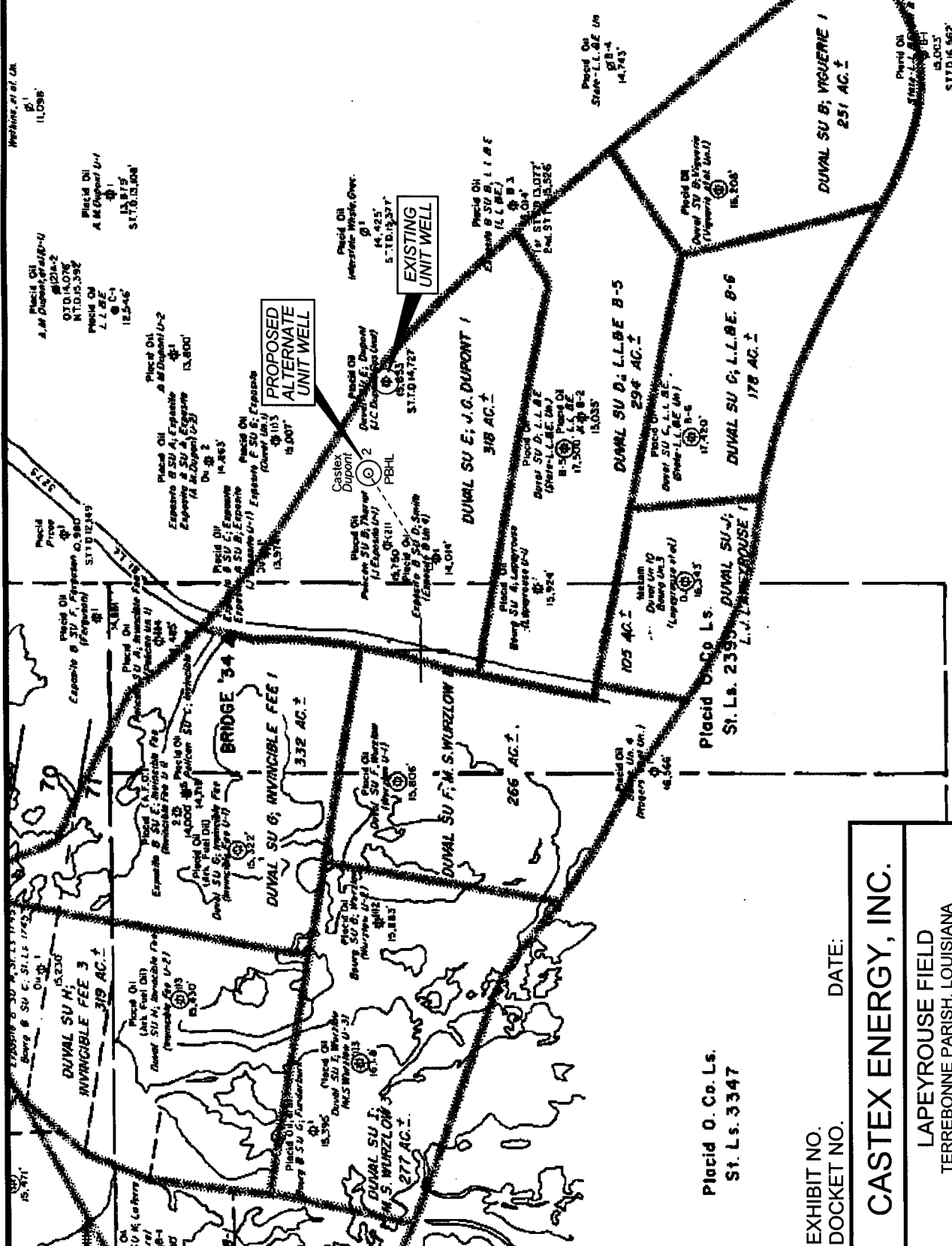
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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

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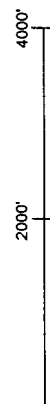
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PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
DUVAL SAND



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